

## AMENDMENT

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. – 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended): A method for building a representation of a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:

generating a representation of the GUI from metadata, wherein the representation includes at least one control;

driving the representation through at least one lifecycle stage by an interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein the metadata can include at least one of: hierarchical relationships among controls, control properties, and control event information; [[and]]

wherein the representation can be driven through the at least one lifecycle stage by an interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein an interface is provided to isolate details of the interchangeable lifecycle component from a control container to allow different lifecycle implementations to be interchangeable, the interchangeable lifecycle component further drives a control tree through different lifecycle stages, the control tree includes portal controls, desktop controls, page controls and portlet controls;

wherein the interchangeable life cycle component runs on at least one processor; and  
wherein the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create Child Controls” stage that creates any child controls, a “Load” stage that obtains any external

resources necessary for processing the request, a “Raise Events” stage that is a two phase stage where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a “Pre-render” stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a “Save State” stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a “Render” stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a “Unload” stage that allows the control to free resources, and “Dispose” stage that does any final cleanup.

18. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising:  
creating the metadata by parsing a file.

19. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:  
the step of generating the metadata representation occurs as a result of receiving a request.

20. (Original): The method of claim 19 wherein:  
the request is a hypertext transfer protocol request (HTTP); and wherein the request originates from a web browser.

21. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising:  
providing a response to a web browser.

22. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:  
the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism.

23. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:  
the at least one control can render itself according to a theme.

24. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls.

25. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original): The method of claim 21 wherein:

the response is a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) response.

28. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

controls can raise events and respond to events.

29. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons.

30. (Currently Amended): A system for building a representation of a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:

a first component operable to produce a second component and a metadata representation of the GUI;

the second component operable to produce a hierarchical representation of the GUI based on the metadata, wherein the representation includes at least one control;

wherein the metadata can include at least one of: hierarchical relationships among controls, control properties, and control event information; [[and]]

wherein the representation can be driven through at least one lifecycle stage by an interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein an interface is provided to isolate details of the interchangeable lifecycle component from a control container to allow different lifecycle implementations to be interchangeable;

wherein the interchangeable lifecycle component further drives a control tree through different lifecycle stages, the control tree includes portal controls, desktop controls, page controls and portlet controls; [[and]]

wherein the interchangeable life cycle component runs on at least one processor; and  
wherein the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create Child Controls” stage that creates any child controls, a “Load” stage that obtains any external resources necessary for processing the request, a “Raise Events” stage that is a two phase stage where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a “Pre-render” stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a “Save State” stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a “Render” stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a “Unload” stage that allows the control to free resources, and “Dispose” stage that does any final cleanup.

31. (Original): The system of claim 30, further comprising:  
a parser operable to parse a file and create the metadata.

32. (Original): The system of claim 31 wherein:  
the file is a JavaServer Pages (JSP) file.

33. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
a first generator produces a second generator in response to receiving a request.

34. (Original): The system of claim 33 wherein:  
the request is a hypertext transfer protocol request (HTTP); and  
wherein the request originates from a web browser.

35. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
a response is provided to a web browser.

36. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism.

37. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
the at least one control can render itself according to a theme.

38. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls.

39. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:  
one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Original): The system of claim 35 wherein:

the response is a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) response.

42. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:

the at least one control can raise events and respond to events.

43. (Original): The system of claim 30 wherein:

the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons.

44. (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

a means for generating a first representation of a graphical user interface (GUI);  
a means for generating a second representation of the GUI from the first representation, wherein  
the second representation includes at least one control;

wherein metadata can include at least one of hierarchical relationships among controls,  
control properties, and control event information; [[and]]

wherein the second representation can be driven through at least one lifecycle stage by an  
interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein an interface is provided to isolate details of the interchangeable lifecycle  
component from a control container to allow different lifecycle implementations to be  
interchangeable;

wherein the interchangeable lifecycle component further drives a control tree through  
different lifecycle stages, the control tree includes portal controls, desktop controls, page controls  
and portlet controls; [[and]]

wherein the interchangeable life cycle component runs on at least one processor; and

wherein the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform  
initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create

Child Controls" stage that creates any child controls, a "Load" stage that obtains any external resources necessary for processing the request, a "Raise Events" stage that is a two phase stage where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a "Pre-render" stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a "Save State" stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a "Render" stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a "Unload" stage that allows the control to free resources, and "Dispose" stage that does any final cleanup.

45. (Original): The system of claim 44, further comprising:

a means for parsing a file and creating the metadata.

46. (Original): The system of claim 45 wherein:

the file is a JavaServer Pages (JSP) file.

47. (Original): The system of claim 44, further comprising:

the means for accepting a request.

48. (Original): The system of claim 47 wherein:

the request is a hypertext transfer protocol request (HTTP); and

wherein the request originates from a web browser.

49. (Original): The system of claim 44, further comprising:

a means to provide a response to a web browser.

50. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:

the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism.

51. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:  
the at least one control can render itself according to a theme.

52. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:  
one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls.

53. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:  
one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Original): The system of claim 49 wherein:  
the response is a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) response.

56. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:  
the at least one control can raise events and respond to events.

57. (Original): The system of claim 44 wherein:  
the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons.

58. (Currently Amended): A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

generate a representation of a graphical user interface (GUI) from metadata, wherein the representation includes at least one control;

drive the representation through at least one lifecycle stage by an interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein the metadata can include at least one of: hierarchical relationships among controls, control properties, and control event information; [[and]]

wherein the representation can be driven through the at least one lifecycle stage by the interchangeable lifecycle component;

wherein an interface is provided to isolate details of the interchangeable lifecycle component from a control container to allow different lifecycle implementations to be interchangeable;

wherein the interchangeable lifecycle component further drives a control tree through different lifecycle stages, the control tree includes portal controls, desktop controls, page controls and portlet controls; [[and]]

wherein the interchangeable life cycle component runs on at least one processor; and  
wherein the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create Child Controls” stage that creates any child controls, a “Load” stage that obtains any external resources necessary for processing the request, a “Raise Events” stage that is a two phase stage where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a “Pre-render” stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a “Save State” stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a “Render” stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a “Unload” stage that allows the control to free resources, and “Dispose” stage that does any final cleanup.

59. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

create the metadata by parsing a file.

60. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:

the step of generating the metadata representation occurs as a result of receiving a request.

61. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 60 wherein:

the request is a hypertext transfer protocol request (HTTP); and wherein the request originates from a web browser.

62. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a response to a web browser.

63. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:

the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism.

64. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:

the at least one control can render itself according to a theme.

65. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:

one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls.

66 (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:

one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls.

67. (Canceled)

68. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 62 wherein:  
the response is a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) response.

69. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:  
controls can raise events and respond to events.

70. (Original): The machine readable medium of claim 58 wherein:  
the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons.

71. (Canceled)

72. (New): A method for building a representation of a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:

driving controls of a control tree through lifecycle stages, wherein the control tree includes portal controls, desktop controls, page controls and portlet controls;  
wherein the driving step is done using at least one processor; and  
wherein the life cycle stages include an “Init” stage that allows a control to perform initialization, a “Load State” stage that loads previously saved state from a request, a “Create Child Controls” stage that creates child any controls, a “Load” stage that obtains any external resources necessary for processing the request, a “Raise Events” stage that is a two phase stage

where controls first indicate they want to raise events and then all controls who indicated this are allowed to raise events, a “Pre-render” stage that is the final stage before the rendering stages, a “Save State” stage in which all controls that want to save their states are given the opportunity to do so, a “Render” stage that is the stage where controls create their GUI representations and control how any children are rendered, a “Unload” stage that allows the control to free resources, and “Dispose” stage that does any final cleanup.

73. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein the driving step is done in response to a request.

74. (New): The method of claim 73, wherein:

the request is a Hypertext Transfer Protocol request (HTTP); and wherein the request originates from a web browser.

75. (New): The method of claim 74, further comprising:

providing a response to a web browser.

76. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein:

the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism.

77. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein:

the at least one control can render itself according to a theme.

78. (New): the method of claim 72, wherein:

one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls.

79. (New): The method of claim 73, wherein:

one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls.

80. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein:

the response is a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) response.

81. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein:

controls can raise events and respond to events.

82. (New): The method of claim 72, wherein:

the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookandFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, Tree View, TreeViewWithRadioButtons.